

FRIENDS OF CLARK GETTING RILED

They Insist That Speaker Is Not Being Given Square Deal.

Washington, December 26.—Speaker Clark's friends are getting riled over the attacks in a number of newspapers upon him, based on what they declare to be misrepresentation. They insist that the speaker is not getting a "square deal" that failure being due to a false promise upon which the criticizing editorials are based.

The trouble, they say, all grows out of the incorrect assumption by some one, which has been repeated and expanded by others, that the speaker threatened to be in New York and even told to the new administration in the event that Mr. Bryan takes a Cabinet portfolio. It has been insinuated that such attitude would be the result of Speaker Clark's resentment of Bryan's hostility to him in the Baltimore convention, which it has been charged resulted in his losing the nomination after coming into the convention with a majority of the delegates.

Speaker Clark's friends in Congress declare with positiveness that Mr. Clark has never expressed to a human being any suggestion that he would oppose Mr. Bryan's entry into the Cabinet.

Further, that he has never intimated entertaining any idea of holding back in the traces and declining team work with the new administration if Mr. Bryan goes into the Cabinet.

Further, that they know he does not harbor any such thought.

Will Stick to His Duties.

They say they feel warranted confidently to claim that Speaker Clark is intent upon sticking to the duties expected of him in the House in the next Congress. They point out that he has already conferred with the incoming head of the new administration upon that very subject, and they declare there is nothing in Mr. Clark's record, nothing he has uttered and nothing which in their opinion, he has in mind to justify the insinuation that he will be other than a loyal supporter of the administration and the policies of the Democratic Congress.

Speaker Clark, they point out, went into the campaign for Governor Wilson with vigor and absolute loyalty, and fought for him and the ticket throughout.

Whatever opinion Speaker Clark may entertain of Mr. Bryan's part in Mr. Clark's defeat at Baltimore, his friends say there is positively nothing upon which to base the assumption that he will permit that opinion to influence him in his attitude toward the new administration, whether Mr. Bryan is in the Cabinet or not.

They protest that he has shown no indication of "sulking," that no fact can be produced backing the assertion that he is "showing a sore toe," and they bitterly resent the reiterated criticisms of the speaker based upon an incorrect assumption.

For awhile some of his closest backers were suspicious that the attacks might indicate the beginning of a campaign to defeat him for the speakership of the next House, but it was stated today by a man very close to the speaker that there is no indication of any contest for the speakership.

That idea "died a-borning," it was

declared, and there are no signs of resurrection. Speaker Clark will be re-elected upon the assembling of the extraordinary session of Congress in March, his friends predict with confidence.

Speaker Clark has only expressed himself once upon the publications which have irritated his friends, and that was this morning, when the New York World printed his comment upon an editorial published in that paper yesterday, in which he said:

"There is no use for me to try to answer that editorial. The only way to answer an editorial like that is by a suit for slander."

"The World has been against me ever since William Randolph Hearst and Senator William J. Stone came out for me."

The editorial in question, proceeding with a number of "ifs" as to Mr. Clark's relations with Mr. Bryan, suggested that "if" such were the case, the Democrats of the House should select another speaker, and added an insinuation of the connection of the "bosses" with Mr. Clark's candidacy.

DISCUSS JEWISH PROBLEMS

Members of Chautauque Open Their Annual Assembly.

Memphis, Tenn., December 26.—The establishment of chairs of Jewish history and literature in all summer schools, Christian as well as Jewish, and the inauguration of a national correspondence school for Jewish Sabbath school teachers, are topics which will be considered at the session of the National Jewish Chautauque Society, which convened in eighteenth annual assembly in Memphis to-night.

The purpose of organization, as outlined in the address of Rev. William Rosenau, of Baltimore, vice-chancellor of the society, is to discuss perplexing Jewish problems, contemplate Jewish educational needs and advocate Jewish educational ideas.

The initial session was devoted to addresses of welcome and responses.

"Efficiency is the slogan of the hour in all the forward movements of the day," said Dr. Berkowitz in his greeting to the assembly.

DISREGARDS WARNING

Pawnee Man Walks Into Saloon, and Is Electrocuted.

Alexandria, La., December 26.—Despite a warning not to enter a saloon, A. H. Gelay, of Pawnee, La., to-night stepped upon the steel door sill and was electrocuted. Death was instantaneous. A heavily charged electric wire had fallen upon the building in which the saloon was located, charging the metal coping and steel front which connected with the doorplate. Repair men had admonished the stranger not to enter.

GALE SWEEPS ENGLAND

Wind Does Heavy Damage on Land and Sea.

London, December 26.—A heavy gale swept over England to-day. Considerable damage is reported, and telegraph and telephone wires were leveled to the ground in many places.

Small Craft Swamped.

Liverpool, December 26.—A large number of small craft were swamped by the heavy seas caused by the storm to-day. Mountainous waves broke over the wharves.

PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS HAPPY.

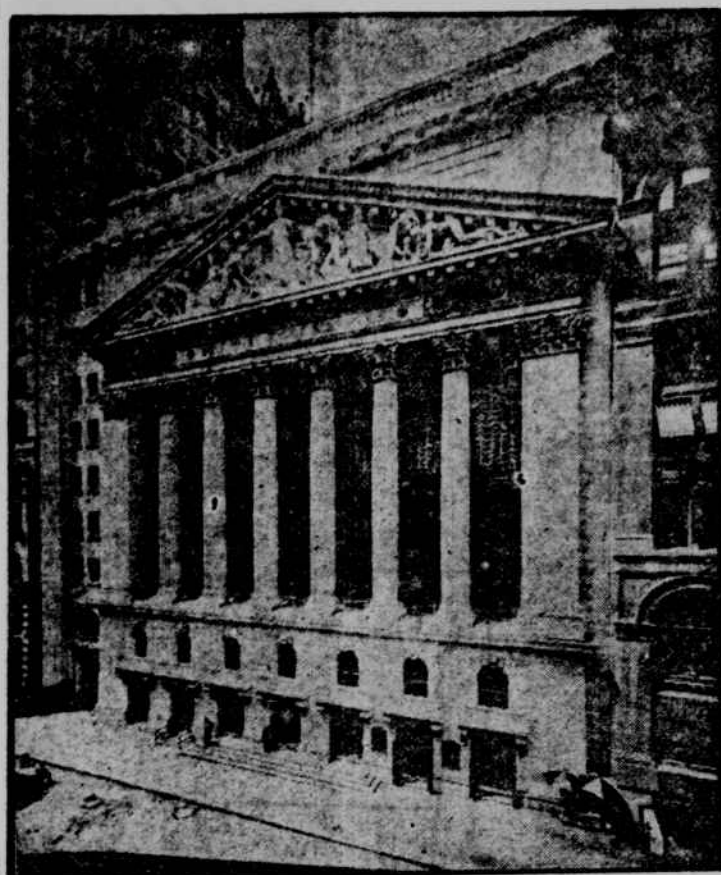
For First Time in Twelve Years He Passes Day With Family.

St. Louis, December 26.—Albert Patrick spent his first Christmas in twelve years with his mother and daughter at the home of his sister, Mrs. John T. Milliken, 1159 Holt Avenue.

Last Christmas Patrick was serving a life term at Sing Sing. Ten other Christmas he had passed behind stone walls and steel bars in the Tombs of New York City.

Yesterday his daughter, Lillian T.

Home of the Money Trust



Home of the New York Stock Exchange, which is now under fire by the Paju "money trust" investigating committee.

Patrick, gave him her presents with her own hands and wished him a merry Christmas. She is sixteen, but until a few days ago he remembered her as the little child of four that he kissed good-bye when he went to prison.

Christmas Eve he and his mother, Mrs. Edward T. Patrick, of Denver, sat before the fireplace at the Milliken home, talking of the Christmases he had spent when he was a little boy and still believed in Santa Claus. His voice was the first to reach her in the morning, when he knocked on her door and wished her the happiness of the season.

LIVES BELIEVED LOST IN LODGING HOUSE FIRE

San Francisco, December 26.—Fire to-night destroyed a 10-cent lodging house in the tenement district, and it is said several persons may have lost their lives. Firemen rescued three persons found in a stupor, and declare they heard the cries of others whom they could not reach. The interior of the building was entirely burned. The clerk of the lodging house could not be found, and it is not known how many lodgers were in the building when the fire broke out.

DIAMOND CUT FROM ARM.

Californian Presents Gem to Wife as Christmas Gift.

San Bernardino, Cal., December 26.—A man who gave his name as "John" took a diamond weighing a carat

and a half out of the flesh of his arm yesterday. He said that the gem had been sewed in his flesh in South Africa. Hitchcock asked the surgeon to do the job in a hurry, as he wanted to give the diamond to his wife for Christmas.

Hitchcock refused to give any details as to how the gem was sewed into his flesh.

Remembers Army Y. C. M. A.

Port Jervis, N. Y., December 26.—Miss Helen Gould remembered the Army Y. M. C. A. here when she was doing Christmas shopping, for a telegram was received by Superintendent Stafford to-day saying that a moving-picture machine would be shipped by Miss Gould to the association as a Christmas gift to the men at the coast defense forts here.

New Job for Hendricks.

Hendricks, of Baltimore, Md., a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been appointed general traffic manager of the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain system, effective January 1. He is forty-eight years old and has twenty-seven years railroad experience.

Fraternity in Conclave.

Louisville, Ky., December 26.—Between 200 and 300 members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity are expected to be present at the twenty-third biennial convocation of the order, which began here to-day.

COLLEGE SMOKERS OUSTED.

Buckhannon, W. Va., December 26.—Two students at the West Virginia Wesleyan College have been expelled for smoking cigarettes, and the same punishment is said to be awaiting others reported as having violated the college order.

President Carl G. Doney announced that cigarette smoking would not be tolerated. It is said the two students dismissed had attended a social function recently, and, believing they would not be found out, helped burn up a few packages of their favorite brand.

The next morning they were called before the president, who told them the exact number of cigarettes they had smoked. They pleaded for another chance, but were told their presence at the college was no longer desired.

President Doney heads a movement advocating the enactment by the next Legislature of a law making the sale of cigarettes a misdemeanor in the State of West Virginia.

CAPTURE A CAVE DWELLER.

New York Hunters Find Recluse Living in Vine-Covered Den.

Suffern, N. Y., December 26.—In a cave four miles east of Johnstown, near Tuxedo, George Polchian was captured by Captain Bush and his assistants, Luke Jones and Samuel Wright, this week.

The cave was discovered by two hunters, John Blake and Jacob Jones. The cave entrance was covered with branches of trees and leaves. Polchian looked like a genuine wild man when captured. He had on four pairs of trousers, two vests, three shirts and three coats. Upon searching the cave, four coffers, rice and other articles of food and clothing were found. He had begged these from neighbors.

When questioned by the officers, it was found that Polchian had worked in a glass factory in Dover, N. J., and also had a wife and six children living in Austria. The man seemed to be in

a state of bewilderment, and Captain Bush took him to the Goshen Jail, where he was confined to await further developments.

LANDMARKS FAST PASSING.

Little Gable-Roofed Alcovehouse Latest to Go in New York.

New York, December 26.—Like so many old teeth, New York is pulling out, one by one, most of the few old landmarks that are left among the newer buildings. The passing of the Old Grapevine, a little gable-roofed alcovehouse at Sixth Avenue and Eleventh Street is announced for the new year.

It is to give place to a modern structure for other purposes. Alexander McClelland, a Scot, who has presided over its musty ale and mutton pie for forty years, is going into retirement. The old two-story frame house has many traditions, and in its time it many traditions, and in its time it many traditions, and in its time it many traditions.

SEARCH FOR GEORGE YOUNG IS ENDED IN SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga., December 26.—Police of this city discovered that George Young, now in custody here, is the boy for whom 3,000 Boy Scouts have been searching the country around Yonkers, N. Y., since last Saturday.

Young said to-night that he is the adopted son of Miss Mary Young, a wealthy woman of South Hadley, Mass. The boy was visiting relatives at Yonkers, N. Y., when he disappeared. He said he ran away because he could not stand Miss Young's "ways."

FEDERAL FIGHTS FEDERAL AND REBELS ESCAPE

El Paso, Tex., December 26.—"A house divided" resulted in Federal fighting Federal at Colonia Juarez, Casas Grandes District, last Sunday. Persons arriving here to-night from the American colony relate how the

Federal force of General Jose Blanco attacked a part of the same army last Sunday while seeking the rebels.

Hearing that the Salazar rebels were

at Colonia Juarez, travelers relate the Federal commander divided his force of 500 men and attacked the town from opposite directions. The inhabitants hugged the floors of their houses until the firing stopped. After fighting four hours against each other and expending about 2,000 rounds of ammunition, the Federalists learned that the rebels never had been in the town. Several soldiers were wounded, but none killed.

In the meantime Salazar was evacuating

Ascension and moving toward Casas Grandes, neatly avoiding Colonia Juarez. The reported victory of Blanco against the rebels may have been the "attack" on Colonia Juarez. Official advisers insist that Casas Grandes remains in Federal hands.

Force Annihilated.

Mexico City, December 26.—Refugees reaching Durango report that a government garrison of 100 men stationed between Panuco and Avino, thirty miles northeast of Durango, has been annihilated by a strong force of rebels commanded by Pedro Ortiz. After

slaughtering the soldiers the rebels are said to have entered the two towns, sacking and burning a number of houses.

A train was stopped December 24

near San Juan del Rio, in the State of Durango, by the rebels, who robbed the passengers, among whom were a few Americans. The whereabouts of the train is not known, and a military train has been sent to find it.

GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA ESCAPES FROM PRISON

Mexico City, December 26.—General Francisco Villa, who was arrested on the charge of looting while serving as a colonel with Colonel Huerta in his campaign against the rebel leader, Orozco, has escaped from the military prison here. Villa, who was awaiting trial, sawed through the bars of his cell window.

For years Villa was a notorious bandit. He joined the Madero revolution, but declined to join the Orozco movement. He defeated the Orozco forces at Parral, but in turn was defeated. He was charged with robbing a bank at Parral prior to its evacuation.

Some of the Best Work

— OF —

James Montgomery Flagg,
Howard Chandler Christy,
George Barr McCutcheon,
Earl Derr Biggers

and other equally clever writers and illustrators will appear in next Sunday's number of the Illustrated Sunday Magazine of The Times-Dispatch.

The Frontispiece is contributed by Mr. Christy. It is a typical Christy drawing, full of deep, rich color—and the subject leaves nothing to be desired.

Mr. McCutcheon finishes up the adventures of "The Quiddlers Three." This second installment of his two-part story is even better than the first. And the Flagg illustrations typify perfectly the society heroes of the tale.

Earl Derr Biggers, than whom there are few more entertaining writers, aided and abetted by John Gruelle, an artist with a good sense of humor, contributes some of the fun in the number. Don't fail to read about "Generous George."

Floy Pascal Cowan penned one of the strongest stories of his career when he wrote "The Governor." This gripping story of human interest is illustrated by Harry Linnell.

Appropriate to the season, Wallace Watson contributes an article on what it costs to celebrate the New Year's advent, and A. D. Hart tells something about raising the world's most expensive food.

And then there is a story by A. C. Inchbold—a story of a girl's struggle; an interesting article by Dr. Hirschberg on how to keep warm without a fire; some observations by "The Journal Clerk" at Washington, and another one of those mystery stories by Deshler Welch.

"The Best There Is in Sunday Reading"

The Times-Dispatch

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For the purpose of forming a Richmond Athletic Association to develop field and track athletes, a meeting of representatives of every athletic organization in Richmond will be held early in January. In order to know at once how many school boys, working boys and young men will be interested in taking part in a big indoor meet to be held some time in February, the following information is desired:

Name
Age
Occupation
Place of business
To what athletic organization do you belong?
What school do you attend?

(Mark with an X the events you would like to enter.)

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Honoring broad jump Half-mile run

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